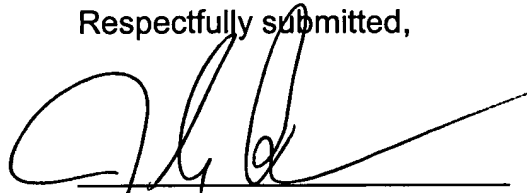


**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. Claims 3, 11, and 25 are amended. No new matter has been added. Applicants have canceled claims 9-10, 21-22, 24, and 27-31 without prejudice or disclaimer and solely to minimize filing fees. Applicants reserve all rights to pursue the canceled claims at a later date. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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